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# Mission dinner not just a meal

◆ Staff and volunteers serve up 2,407 meals during the Ottawa Mission's Christmas dinner • It 'could be your next-door neighbour, your mother, your father': Volunteer





The Ottawa Mission's Christmas dinner means different things to different people - and in most cases, it's much more than just a free meal.

For some, it's companionship.

"I know everybody here," said Phil Binelle, who dropped in yesterday. "I hang around here all the time. They're doing everything good for people.

For Holly Patterson, volunteering at the Mission is "the right thing to do, to make

sure everyone has a little bit of happiness." "Anything can happen to anybody at any point," said the Ottawa resident, who, along with her husband, Mark, has been volunteering at the Mission at all of its holiday meals for three years.

You could lose your job. You could have mental health issues. You could get sick and not have enough coverage to help with the medication and you can't go to work anymore. You could be left on disability. It's very easy to end up somewhere

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# **Travellers** snowed in after storm

London's Heathrow Airport stops accepting arrivals Several flights to and from Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver cancelled (page 7)

# Literary life of **Tackie 0**

**Under perfectly** coiffed hair and pillbox hat was Jackie Onassis the editor (page 18)



# **Soldier killed** in Kandahar

Cpl. Steve Martin is 154th Canadian casualty (page 11)

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# Mobilicity Stores

## Ottawa

# Ottawa



All but one of 'em ain't what they used to be

Mayor Jim Watson, second from left, and former mayors, from left, Andy Haydon, Marianne Wilkinson and Claudette Cain were accompanied by Bea Ross on piano as they performed a Christmas carol singalong. Known as The Old Grey Mayors, the group has been performing together annually since 2001 to celebrate the Christmas season.

# Tales of holiday shopping success

• Heavy flow of shoppers at Rideau Centre on last weekend before Christmas Shoppers say they're not panicking ... yet



Last year, Corrine Loiselle saved her shopping until the last few days before Christmas. "Never again," she said.

The gifts she had planned to buy were gone by the time she went to the mall, but felt it was her only option because her kids usually change their minds at the last minute.

'Well I got my shopping done, but it was a rush and you're trying to figure out (what to get)," she said.

This year, she started and finished her Christmas shopping in the same week, and was at The Bay yesterday to help her mother shop.

Her secret is her Christmas list.

"I make a list and make a budget of how much I want to spend per person, and I go and find some-thing I think they're going

With so many shoppers like Loiselle who are either finished or nearly finished their last purchases, a cou-

"It's a lot easier for me to go shopping in the malls at lunch hour or on the weekend. where I can get everything in one place."

-ELIZABETH PUNNETT

ple of them offered their game plans for stress-free shopping.

Ālisa Kuzmina started her shopping with a trip to Syracuse two weeks ago to buy some clothes and said

it was worth the trip.

"I bought mostly clothing, stuff we would never have here," she said.

"They have a lot more imported stuff or international stuff you couldn't get here.

Elizabeth Punnett has to travel to British Columbia for Christmas. Instead of lugging all of her gifts across Canada, she buys half of them in Ottawa and buys the rest on Boxing

Day.

Buying gifts after Christmas, she said, saves her some stress.





## Correction:



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# On the web:

**Bank of Canada** will keep a close eye on this week's release of inflation data for the end of 2010. Video at metronews.ca.





accessory after the fact in the case. Zakaria Dourhnou, 18, and Khaled Wehbe, 19, are to apply for

# **Developer wins role** in Lansdowne suit

Developers working to revitalize Lansdowne Park have won intervener status in a court case that could kibosh their project.

The citizens' group Friends of Lansdowne Inc. had wanted to keep the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group out of their lawsuit that aims to have a judge review the City of Ottawa's decision to solesource the multimilliondollar revitalization proj-

OSEG also won the right to seek legal costs from the group if the lawsuit is ever found to be frivolous or vexatious.

SEAN MCKIBBON



# **Police issue warrant** in shooting death

A fourth suspect in the Dec. 6 shooting death of Yazden Ghiasvand Ghiasi is wanted on a Canada-wide arrest warrant on a charge of second-degree murder.

Police said Mohamed Wehbe, 18, may have fled They Canada. described him as being of Middle-Eastern descent, six feet tall,

126 pounds, with dark hair. Police said anyone with information should call 613-236-1222 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Two men charged with bail today. SEAN MCKIBBON

# Man's best friend is a true guide

Autistic kids learn with dogs' help



The family dog could provide as much benefit to children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) as specially trained service and therapy dogs, an Ottawa researcher has found

"Service dogs are very expensive," said Cosmin Coltea, a masters student in developmental psychology at Carleton University. Coltea also works as a dog trainer. He said he wants to continue to study the benefits of companion animals for people with ASD as he pursues a doctorate in developmental psychology.

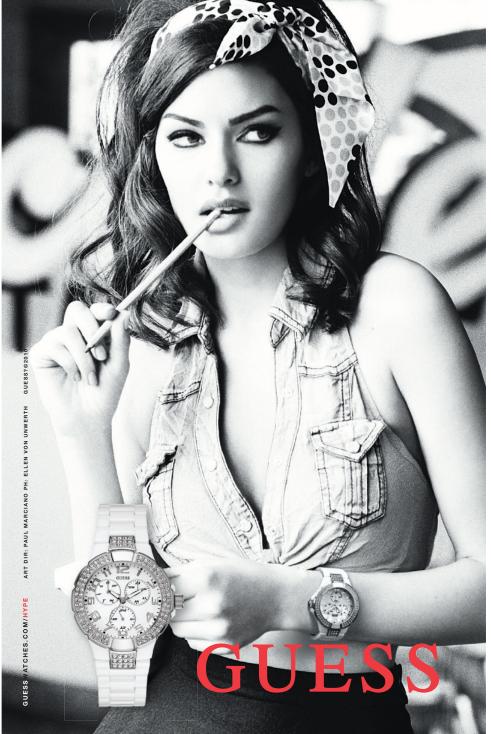
Coltea examined the experiences of 20 families and found that, just like specially trained dogs, companion dogs provide emotional support, reduce stress and help children with ASD learn to express their emotions and take responsibility.



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# Trotting along the way

John Cundell wrapped up his free horse-drawn carriage rides before Christmas yesterday. Each year, he offers free rides every Saturday and Sunday during the month of December. Each ride lasts about 15 minutes and takes a large group of people for a tour around the ByWard Market.





# MARION SOUBLIERE

# 'THE NEED WILL ONLY INCREASE AS TIME GOES ON'

# Where did you see the need for this book?

It was developed through my own experience. For years, I found it so frustrating to find contract work with the government. I didn't know what to do. I went from website to website and talked to offices and finally got all the information ... Getting work has been easier since. There's a lot of work to be had. And I know writer and editor colleagues in the same situation, so I decided to put it together in a book.

Who is it targeted towards? I really focused the book towards small businesses and the very small

business owner.

I tried to relay it to the experience of sole proprietors, because I myself am a sole proprietor.

### What's the best advice you can give someone looking to score their first contract? Anyone that is starting out should go to buyandsell.gc.ca. It tells you everything you need. You should inform yourself and try to take one of the free seminars offered by the office before you write your first proposal. A lot of people are intimidated by the idea of writing bids, so you should have all the best information possible before you

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# Discrimination behind wage gap for immigrants?

◆ Although there is no single obvious explanation for lower pay, race issue can't be ignored: Social scientist

As analysts dissect the data to figure out why it is that newcomers to Canada these days are having a much harder time than previous generations of immigrants, they're bumping up against an uncomfortable answer.

Discrimination, they say reluctantly, can't be completely ruled out.

For 30 years, the landing for newcomers to Canada has become steadily rougher.

In the 1980s, the source countries for many of Canada's immigrants were in flux, shifting away from traditional English-speaking or European countries, and more towards Asia, says social scientist Arthur

# **Eroded earnings**

 Part of the answer is that Canadian employers are often suspicious of foreign credentials and experience. So immigrants who, on paper, look equivalent to Canadians in education and background, aren't valued as highly, says Mikal Skuterud at the University of Waterloo.

And part of the answer is that immigrants don't have the networks and links to good jobs that Canadian-born workers have established,

Sweetman at McMaster University in Hamilton.

Language and cultural barriers were, and continue to be, a set-back for immigrants hoping to close the earnings gap with Canadian-born workers, he says.

In the 1990s, immi-

In the 1990s, immigrants were hit extra hard by the recession.

The widening gap of the early 2000s can be explained mainly by the dotcom bust. Canada had imported large quantities of technology workers during the boom, who were left high and dry when the market suddenly turned, according to Statistics Canada's Garnett Picot. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# Leader accused of election fraud

Alexander Lukashenko, Belarus's authoritarian leader, a frequent antagonist of both Russia and the West, sought a fourth term in yesterday's elections, and his opponents claim he's prepared to commit fraud to get it.

North and Central America should be able to view the entire show, expected to last three hours if skies are clear. Total eclipse begins at 2:41

# **Moon show tonight**

Weather permitting, sky gazers in North and Central America and a tiny sliver of South America will boast the best seats to this year's only total eclipse of the moon just days before Christmas.

The eclipse will happen tonight. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Mexican pipeline blast kills 27, injures 51

Authorities say a pipeline operated by Mexico's state-owned oil company has exploded in the central state of Puebla, killing at least 27 people.

State spokesman Noe Torres says that the explosion happened at a Petroleos Mexicanos duct where thieves were attempting to steal either gas or oil.

He says it isn't yet known whether the explosion was caused by the attempted theft. No one has been detained.

Torres says that the initial explosion early yesterday in the city of San Martin Texmelucan was followed by four minor blasts

Hundreds of people fled the city, located 90 kilometres east of Mexico City.

Civil protection authorities, firefighters and military troops are investigating and trying to ensure there are no



more explosions.

Among the 27 dead are 12 children, officials said, while 51 people are injured. The explosion also destroyed 32 houses with about 70 more homes damaged, according to officials.

Photos and video from the scene showed burnedout homes, charred vehicles and scorched ground around the moderately populated outskirts of the town. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# **Fuel theft**

- Fuel theft is rampant in the Pemex network and hundreds of millions of dollars worth of fuel have been stolen in recent years, the company has said.
- President Felipe Calderon has ordered an investigation to determine who was responsible and apply the full weight of the law, the president's office stated, pointing to the early indications of an illegal tap.



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# Heavy snow causes travel delays and chaos

◆ Air Canada waives change, cancellation fees for those affected ◆ Air, road and rail travel disruptions in Europe

Heavy snow and a buildup of ice have shut down many European airport runways, causing travel headaches for Canadians looking to cross the Atlantic.

London's Heathrow Airport stopped accepting arrivals and was allowing few departures yesterday, forcing the cancellation of several flights to and from Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver.

Paris's Charles de Gaulle scrapped about 40 per cent of its flights, which led to the cancellation of flights in Toronto and Montreal as well. At Frankfurt airport, Germany's biggest, more than 500 flights were cancelled yesterday out of a planned total of 1,330 departures and arrivals.

Air Canada has warned customers flying to and from London and Paris to expect delays and cancellations up until today. The airline also urged customers to avoid all non-essential travel.

Rishi Patel is just one among a number of Canadians stranded in London due to the harsh weather.

"It's extremely frustrating, I just want to come home," said the 18-yearold Toronto resident who studies medicine in the IIK

Stranded passengers have set up camp on airport floors, some taking advantage of makeshift dormitories provided. Hall-ways were strewn with weary travellers taking a snooze, some wrapped in foil blankets to keep warm.

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CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

# Cops trace IPs, nab suspects

Austrian authorities say they have seized child pornography from 107 men — including five teachers.

Alexander Marakovits, a spokesman for the Federal Office of Criminal Investigations, says the electronic material was discovered and seized during house searches that were part of a probe that began about a year ago when Luxembourg authorities determined that 163 Austrian IP addresses had accessed a child porn website they were monitoring.

Only 107 could be traced.

Marakovits said yesterday that one of the suspects hoarded 20,000 photos and 300 videos.

Lead investigator Harald Gremel said the names of the suspects were provided to prosecutors and that some have already been convicted.

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# Hotel says sorry for tree bling

An Abu Dhabi luxury hotel that boasted an \$11-million Christmas tree decorated with gold and gems admitted yesterday it may have taken the holiday spirit a bit too far. A statement from the Emirates Palace hotel said it regretted "attempts to overload" the Christmas tree tradition by adorning it with premium bling and other precious stones from a hotel jeweller. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Sailor, 15, logs longest leg of solo world journey

• 'I don't think I can live in a house at the moment,' Laura Dekker says

A 15-year-old Dutch sailor yesterday completed the longest leg so far of her attempted circumnavigation of the globe, saying it felt "really weird" to be back on dry land after nearly three weeks out in the ocean.

Laura Dekker, aiming to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world, was in good spirits after completing the 2,200 nautical-mile (2,532 land-mile, 4,074-kilometre) trip from the Cape Verde Islands off West Africa.

Dekker docked her 11.5-metre, twin-masted sailboat Guppy in

# For the record

If Laura Dekker completes the voyage, any record she claims would be unofficial and likely to be challenged. The Guinness World Records and the World Sailing Speed Record Council have decided they will no longer recognize records for "youngest" sailors to avoid encouraging dangerous attempts.

Simpson Bay Lagoon after what she called "a very nice trip" so far.
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PFifteen-year-old Laura Dekker stands in the dock upon her arrival to Simpson Bay Lagoon in the Caribbean island of St. Maarten, yesterday. The Dutch sailor, aiming to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world, completed the longest leg, a 2,200 nautical-mile trip, from Cape Verde Islands off West Africa on her 11.5-metre, twin-masted sailboat Guppy.

# Korean tensions prompt UN security meeting

The UN Security Council met in emergency session yesterday amid rising tensions on the Korean Peninsula and a North Korean warning of a "catastrophe" if South Korea goes ahead with a live-fire drill.

Russia called for the meeting, and Moscow wants the UN's most powerful body to adopt a statement calling on North Korea and South Korea "to exercise maximum restraint."

The North has warned of "catastrophe" if the South goes ahead with plans to conduct one-day, live-fire drills by Tuesday on the same front-line island the North shelled last month as the South conducted a similar exercise.

A draft presidential



statement circulated by Russia to council members and obtained by The Associated Press also stresses the need for efforts "to ensure a de-escalation of tension" between the two Koreas and a "resumption of dialogue and resolution of all problems dividing them exclusively through peaceful diplomatic means." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Chinese scuffle

South Korean officials questioned three Chinese fishermen rescued from a boat that capsized during a maritime scuffle with the coast guard in which one fisherman died and another was missing, an official said yesterday.



# Ice melt creating hybrid animals?

• Evidence of hybridization includes a grizzly and polar bear mating

Climate change and the loss of Arctic sea ice could trigger interbreeding in 22 species, perhaps resulting in the creation of a new species or the extinction of endangered species, according to a biologist at the U.S. National Marine

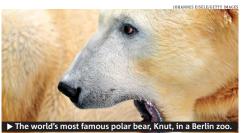
In a commentary in the most recent edition of Nature, Brendan Kelly and two other U.S. researchers are asking the scientific community to begin monitoring the wildlife popula-

Mammal Laboratory in tion in the Arctic for exam-Juneau, Alaska. ples of this interbreeding ples of this interbreeding or hybridization.

Kelly also hopes that the International Union for the Conservation of Nature will develop a policy to deal with managing hybrids. Torstar News Services

"By warming the climate, we are creating an opportunity for interbreeding for many species and populations."

RESEARCHER BRENDAN KELLY





# A mad dash to shore

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# Violence mounts in Ivory Coast

The United Nations said yesterday it has received hundreds of reports of people being abducted from their homes at night by armed assailants in military uniform and that there is growing evidence of "massive violations of human rights" since Ivory Coast's dis-

puted election.

The statement from the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights came a day after the UN said it would remain in Ivory Coast despite demands from the man refusing to give up the presidency that thousands of peacekeepers get out of the West African country.

African country.

Navi Pillay, the top UN human rights official, said that more than 50 people have been killed over the past three days in Ivory Coast.

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# Still hope for 9-11 ill workers bill

Backers of a bill in Congress to help people who became sick after working in the World Trade Center dust created by the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks said yesterday they're optimistic the Senate will approve the measure before the lame-duck session ends.

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# Rare birds spotted in N.Y.C. park

Birdwatchers have counted 6,220 birds and 59 bird species in New York City's Central Park.

Yesterday's 111th annual Christmas Bird Count found some birds that are rarely spotted in New York this time of year such as the red-headed woodpecker.

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# Feds to share intel on 'father of medicare'

Of Government agrees to release more of the secret 1,142-page file on Canadian icon Tommy Douglas

The federal government has relented on its adamant refusal to release decades-old intelligence on socialist icon Tommy Dou-

It's now promising to review the file and release additional material.

The promise follows a

closed-door hearing during which a Federal Court judge expressed concern about the continued secrecy surrounding the file compiled by the RCMP on a figure of such historic significance.

The late T.C. Douglas was premier of

Saskatchewan and then the federal NDP's first leader, a man widely revered as the father of medicare.

"(The government) will undertake to review all documents in good faith with a view to releasing additional information stemming from the discussions held during the incamera hearing," federal lawyer Gregory Tzemenakis says in correspondence filed with the court.

Tzemenakis promised to produce the new information by March 31.

That amounts to a major climb down by the government, which has steadfastly maintained the release of the Douglas documents — some dating back more than 70 years — would impair the present-day work of Canada's

Shadowed

The battle over the file began in November 2005 when reporter Jim Bronskill made a request, under the Access to Information Act, for the RCMP dossier on Douglas.

The released material revealed that RCMP security officers had shadowed Douglas for more than three decades, attending his speeches, analyzing his writings and eavesdropping on private conversations. His links to the peace movement and Communist party members were of particular interest.

spy service, including endangering the lives of confidential informants.

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# Canadian soldier killed by roadside bomb

Cpl. Steve Martin was based at CFB Valcartier, Que.154 Canadian soldiers have died in Afghan mission

Canadian soldiers bid farewell to one of their own at a ceremony at Kandahar Airfield that marked an end to one of the military's longest stretches without a combat death since deploying to southern Afghanistan.

Pallbearers carried the casket of Cpl. Steve Martin across the moonlit tarmac and loaded it onto a military aircraft as the piper's skirl pierced the chilly midnight air.

Martin, 24, from 3rd Battalion Royal 22e Regiment, was killed by an improvised explosive device, or IED, while on foot patrol early Saturday afternoon, local time.



The deadly attack occurred near a major road construction project that NATO is pushing in a volatile district of Kandahar.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper issued a written statement on behalf of all Canadians extending his deepest sympathies to Martin's family and friends.

"Cpl. Martin was a brave Canadian who made the ultimate sacrifice while proudly serving his country," the statement said.

Saturday's attack shattered a period of relative calm in the troubled Panjwaii district, where most of Canada's troops are based.

It is the first combat death the army has suffered since Cpl. Brian Pinksen died of wounds in hospital on Aug. 26, four days after being caught in a roadside bombing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# **Hackers of** the world unite in 2011

• Facebook is likely holding a skills competition to seek out new talent says Alan Middleton of York University

Hacking, the reclusive sport of individuals with socially crippling intelligence is being pulled from the depths of the suburban basement and thrust onto the podium.

Well, there might not be a podium, but there is talk of a cup.

Facebook has created a page containing details about a Hacker Cup in 2011. People can apply and compete online and a final 25 will be flown to compete in the algorithmic programming contest in California in the new year for \$5,000 US and the title. The tests are designed by Facebook engineers.

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# Hacking culture

Registration for the Hacking Cup opens today.

- Rounding up hackers Facebook spokesperson said, "Hacking is a central part of Facebook's culture. We want to bring engineers from around the world together to compete in a multi-round programming competition.
- In the spotlight Hackers supporting WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange have crashed corporate websites, including MasterCard, in retribution for Assange's arrest.



# A germ-based business

Once found mostly in pediatricians' offices and the labs of off-kilter university professors, Drew Oliver's cuddly stuffed germs have spawned a Facebook fan club and subculture of eager collectors.

# Widow gives back to Madoff's victims

Many of Bernard Madoff's victims who thought they lost everything could get at least half their money back after the widow of a Florida philanthropist agreed Friday to return a staggering \$7.2 billion US that her husband reaped from the giant Ponzi scheme.

Federal prosecutors reached the settlement with the estate of Jeffry Picower, a businessman who drowned after suffering a heart attack in the swimming pool of his Palm Beach, Fla., mansion in October 2009. Picower was the single biggest beneficiary of Madoff's fraud THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



"We will return every penny received from almost 35 years of investing with Bernard Madoff."

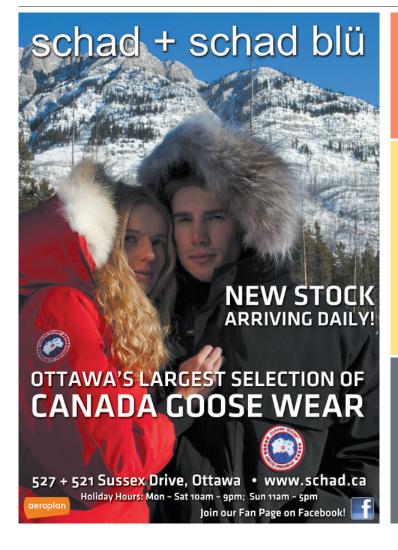
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# TIME FOR A WINTER CLASSIC – SCARS ON ICE



I know it's hardly appropriate to complain in Ottawa, where we've been spared floods, highways of snowbound motorists and the other torments visited on other areas of the country by this winter so far. See if that stops me.

inter robs us annually of certainty, wrecks our plans. Bus schedules cease to be even educated guesses. I called OC Transpo's info line at a dreary dark bus stop last week. The automated voice informed me significant delays had pretty much voided any schedule — and then helpfully listed the obsolete arrival times

The very ground under your feet can no longer be relied upon, and every step becomes a gamble. We've been

slipping, flailing, surfing and crashing for weeks now. This is the time of year you suddenly notice the slope of your local sidewalks. The ice and slush

are coldly, slickly impersonal. They do not care who you are. Liberal foreign affairs critic Bob Rae wiped out and injured his shoulder last week. Earlier

this month, my friend John was consigned to weeks of plaster and Percocet after slipping and snapping his ankle properly enough to require surgery.

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My own turn came one morning as I blearily hauled my recycling out the front door, took

a step too close to the icy edge of the porch and went airborne. I was in the air long enough, bottles and cans and blue box scattering, to wonder just where I would ultimately land. Hospital? Physio? Morgue?

I managed a painful but clean ass-and-elbow landing on the walk a few feet be-

neath my porch, uttered some awful words, and lay there for a minute listening to my tailbone complain.

I'm reasonably young and reasonably lucky, and I walked stiffly away from my pratfall, but nobody stays young and lucky, and as my neighbour warns, winter doesn't get any easier as you get older.

The city gets a few dozen injury claims every year from slips and falls, but isn't generally liable unless gross negligence can be demonstrated.

The local proliferation of governments does little to help, either. The civil servants were dropping in front of one federal office building last week in such numbers that one of them complained and was told it was the city's responsibility to maintain the area.

City hall can only do so much about the laws of physics. It's just us against winter, so watch your

# Cartoon

# Device targets drunks

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# Worth mentioning

There's a long, steady beeping sound as a Mountie encourages a young woman to breathe into a plastic mouthpiece connected to the next generation in breath testing technology.

The young woman and half a dozen other people in the room who have been drinking are not in trouble. They are helping nearly 20 officers at the RCMP training academy in Regina learn how to use the new Intoximeter.

The device uses infrared and fuel-cell technologies. It's an upgrade from the old device, which just uses infrared to give readings. The new Intoximeter will





be used when suspected drunk drivers are taken back to the police station or detachment, not at the side of the road.

It will catch the experienced drinkers who are otherwise good at masking symptoms of being drunk, said RCMP Cpl. Michael Benjamin, a veteran traffic services officer from Weyburn, Sask.

"You see a lot of guys that have developed such a tolerance that they're not slurring their speech," he said. "Their eyes aren't glazed. They're not showing the typical signs of somebody who'd be in the upper 100s, the lower 200s for readings, and they're talking and acting as nor-

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# **Metro Minute with** chamber players

Get your tickets for tomorrow's 2010-11 season opener of the Chamber Players of Canada. Christmas with the Chamber Players of Canada will feature nine musicians playing a wide variety of festive seasonal music including works by Corelli. Handel. Tchaikovsky, Gustav Holst, and Josef Suk.

"Ťhis is such a beautiful

program," said artistic director Julian Armour. "It's a range of music that everyone will love, with a great blend of familiar repertoire and some absolutely gorgeous rarely heard works that reflect the spirit of Christmas."

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**News in brief** 



One of the stars of MTV's Jersey Shore has been indicted for an assault that prosecutors say happened just off camera during the first season.

A grand jury in Ocean County, N.J., says there's evidence that Ronald "Ronnie" Ortiz-Magro committed a crime.

The indictment was issued Thursday and made public Friday.

The grand jury said the 25-year-old reality TV star knocked a man out with a punch on Sept. 4, 2009, when the show was being filmed in Seaside Heights. While the punch wasn't shown on the show, Ortiz-Magro was seen bragging about it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





# It's nice being a grandmother at 40

Actress Martha Plimpton has no problem playing a granny in the Fox comedy Raising Hope



American actress Martha Plimpton who is best known for playing quirky roles in indie movies, shot to fame in the teen classic The Goonies in 1985.

Born into a performing family — her father is Keith Carradine and her mother is Shelley Plimpton Martha has starred in I Shot Andy Warhol, Running on Empty and Beautiful Girls. She currently plays Virginia Chance on the new Fox comedy Raising Hope, about an uneducated working class family attempting to raise a baby.

Metro caught up with the 40-year-old star in a Beverly Hills hotel.

### After being a big indie actress, was it a big decision for you to chose to do a television comedy series?

It was a big decision only in the sense that it involved leaving my home city of New York for a while and having a steady gig, which is great by the way.

But as far as the decision to do it, it wasn't a tough one at all. I read the pilot and I thought it was hilarious. I loved Virginia.

### What's it like playing a grandmother at the age of 40?

At first of course I was a little bit nervous because I thought, "Well, shouldn't I play a mother first?" I don't even know if I'm ready for that yet! (Laughs). And you can't forget that Hollywood does tend to age people rather rapidly so I was naturally concerned about that as any actress would be.

But that is the joke. The idea that these people have no idea what they were doing when they had their own child and that child is a father and we've got to learn how to be adequate, responsible grandparents all over again.

So in that sense I don't feel like I'm playing a grandmother — like I'm not wearing a gray wig or walking hunched over or anything like that.

### What's it like having the legendary Cloris Leachman playing your grandmother?

She is an unbelievable actress and woman. So much

This is a woman who ate actual shaving cream. If there is a joke to be had, nothing will stop her!

We had a scene where she is asleep and we are grooming her in the middle of the night as it's the only time she will let us. I'm shaving her legs and then she sort of pops up awake and we all hide underneath the bed.

This is entirely improvised by Cloris — she took some of this actual shaving cream, it was not whipped cream and just ate it! And she did it like for three

# After Aussie adventure, Oprah vacations in Fiji





Fresh off an Australian tour with her frenzied talkshow fans, Oprah Winfrey is taking a respite in the South Pacific island nation of Fiji, where the military regime wished her "a great

Fiji's tourism minister said Winfrey was spending the Christmas holiday the Christmas there and that officials wanted to respect her privacy. Local media reported she arrived Thursday and that she and longtime

beau Stedman were to stay until Dec. 26.

"We know she is here for a holiday and respect that, and the government obviously wants Winfrey to have a great time," Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, the tourism minister, said Saturday.

Tourism on Fiji is active, though relations with other countries have been strained by the lack of democracy since a December 2006 military coup.

# Place to be

Fiii has been a frequent celebrity destination in the past. Rolling Stone Keith Richards famously fell from a tree at the exclusive Wakava Club in 2006 and was rushed to New Zealand for brain surgery.

Australia and New Zealand imposed travel bans on Fiji leaders, and international trade sanctions have been

imposed, but elections have only been pushed back.

The U.S. State Department has warned Americans to carefully consider the risks of travel to Fiji and to be vigilant while there. During a visit to Australia last month, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton called for democracy to be restored in Fiji and for political freedoms to advance.

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# **Updating Tron the West Coast way**

# New movie and video game created in Vancouver

There's more than a little Vancouver in the futuristic worlds of the film Tron: Legacy and accompanying video game Tron: Evolution.

Both Disney projects were created there, a happy coincidence for Propaganda Games' Darren Hedges.

"From Day 1, we had access to the sets, access to the scripts, access to the talent, the directors, the producers," Hedges said in a recent interview. "We went on set, we saw them film day after day, night after night in most cases."

For game director Hedges, it was a peek into everything from how the costumes were put together to how filmmakers framed their shots.

"And that allowed us to create a very cohesive experience that spans from the video game into the movie," he said.

The original 1982 film Tron tells the story of a computer hacker who ends up being swallowed by a digital world. In the sequel, the hacker's son is transported into the Grid, the world existing inside the computer.

The new video game is a prequel to Tron: Legacy with the gamer playing a program called Anon. Hedges' team decided early on they didn't want to tell the same story.

"Luckily for us, the filmmakers were very much of a like mind," said Hedges. The goal was a "transmedia experience."

"What we mean by this is everything feeds into the franchise, nothing really replicates itself," explained Hedges. The end of the game leads directly to the opening of the movie — albeit separated by 200 Tron years — offering insight into the genesis of characters and why certain events unfolded the way they did.

The game, rated T for Teen for PC, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360, PSP, Nintendo Wii and DS, includes the voices of Olivia Wilde (Quorra) and Bruce Boxleitner (Tron) and music of Daft Punk from the movie.

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# Late night rivals take time to show Christmas spirit

Late-night rivals Jimmy Fallon and Craig Ferguson are filled with the Christmas spirit. They even sent each other gifts.

At the end of the monologue on NBC's Late Night With Jimmy Fallon, the New York-based host showed viewers a photo of the present he had sent to Ferguson — a "beautiful, top-notch Christmas sweater" (in Fallon's words) accented with both his face and Ferguson's against a Christmas ornament.

"He's over at CBS in L.A., and I know how cold it gets at night there," Fallon ex-

What had Ferguson given in return? Under his desk, Fallon found a large gift box containing two kittens named Regis and Kelly.



At almost the same moment on CBS' Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson, its host was eagerly unwrapping the box that contained the sweater from Fallon.

"Oh, I know you're like,
'Craig, you're crazy, he's
your direct competitor, you
can't say how great Jimmy
is," cracked Ferguson. "But
everybody knows it: Jimmy
is awesome. ... Everybody
knows Jimmy Fallon is the

best knitter in show business."

Before launching into another of his one-man dialogues, Ferguson alerted viewers to the gift he had sent to Fallon.

"He should get it tonight. 'You mean on his show, which is in direct competition with yours, Craig? Yes. 'Craig, you're confusing us, what should we do?' I don't know. I'm not your parents!"

The transcontinental, cross-network gift swap was the latest comic stunt bonding these rivals in the 12:35 a.m. (Eastern) hour.

In the past, they engaged in a food fight with spaghetti and waved at each other with giant novelty Mickey Mouse hands.



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PREP TIME: 20 MIN. ➤ TOTAL TIME: 198 MIN ➤ MAKES: 24 SERVINGS

# What You Need

- 6 eggs, separated, divided 1/2 cup sugar, divided
- 1 pkg. (6 squares) Baker's Bittersweet Chocolate, melted, cooled
- 125 g (1/2 of 250-g pkg.) Philadelphia Brick Cream Cheese, softened
- 1 tub (1 L) Cool Whip Whipped Topping, thawed,
- 2 Tbsp. *Maxwell House* Instant Coffee Original Roast 3 Tbsp. warm water
- 1 Tbsp. unsweetened cocoa powder

## Make it

HEAT oven to 350°F. LINE 17-1/2 x11-1/2x3/4-inch spray with cooking spray.
Beat egg whites in small bowl
with mixer on high speed
until frothy. Gradually add 2
Tbsp. sugar, beating until stiff
peaks form. Set aside.
BEAT egg yolks and 1/4 cup
of the remaining sugar in
large bowl with mixer until
thick and lemon coloured.
Add melted chocolate; beat
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pan with parchment paper;

Add melted chocolate; beat just until blended. Gently stir in 1/4 of the egg whites; stir in remaining egg whites until well blended. Spread onto bottom of prepared pan.

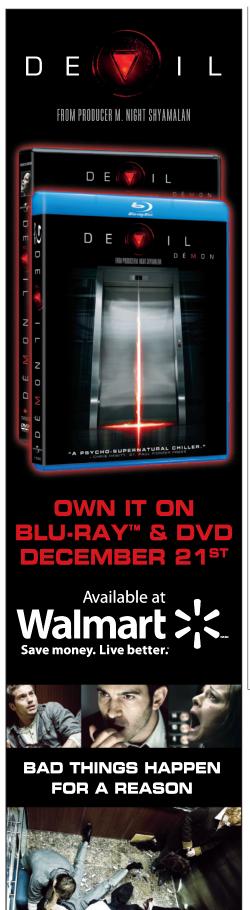
BAKE 15 min. or until top of cake springs back when touched with finger. Cover with dampened clean tea towel; cool cake in pan 1

hour. Meanwhile, dissolve coffee in warm water, cool. Beat cream cheese and remaining sugar in medium bowl until well blended. Gradually beat in coffee. Gently stir in 2 cups Cool Whip.

REMOVE towel from cake.
Use parchment paper to lift
cake from pan; spread cake
with Cool Whip mixture.
Starting at one long side, roll
up cake, peeling off
parchment as cake is rolled.
Diagonally cut off one end of
cake; reserve. Place cake on
platter; place removed piece,
diagonally-cut side facing
out, next to log. Frost with
remaining Cool Whip, leaving
exposed ends unfrosted. Sift

Nutrition Information Per Serving: Calories 110, Total fat 7 g, Saturated fat 4.5 g, Cholesterol 45 mg, Sodium 35 mg, Carbohydrate 9 g, Dietary fibre 1 g, Sugars 8 g, Protein 2 g, Vitamin A 4 %DV, Vitamin C 0 %DV, Calcium 2 %DV, Iron 4 %DV.

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# The Jackie O not many people knew

When most of us think of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, we think back to the perfectly coifed first lady of the early '60s in a stylish shift, a string of pearls and a pill-box hat. Or the Jackie O of the next decade, the rich widow in huge sunglasses that shielded her from the world.

We probably don't think of a middle-aged working woman making her own photocopies, waiting in line to speak to the boss, or sitting cross-legged on the floor, arranging photos and puffing on cigarettes.

Yet this was her third act — the Jackie who joined the workforce in her mid-40s and spent nearly two decades as a book editor. By all accounts, it was one of the most satisfying periods of her life.

"She didn't do this just to have a job," says Bruce Tracy, a former colleague at the Doubleday publishing house. "She loved this. This is what she was passionate about."

Suddenly, in a span of just a month, two new books are examining this little-known part of her life, giving readers a new slant on a woman who has fascinated Americans like no other in our history.

"People think about Jackie's clothes, about her marriages, maybe her re"Her editorial career was longer than her two marriages combined. It says more about who she was as a person, because this is something she actually chose to do." WILLIAM KUHN

decorating the White House," says historian William Kuhn, author of Reading Jackie: Her Autobiography in Books, released this month. "But her editorial career was longer than her two marriages combined. It says more about who she was as a person, because this is something she actually chose to do."

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Of course, she didn't need the work. Kuhn notes how women of Jackie's generation were taught to be great wives and great mothers, making it all the more striking that she would choose to learn a new career so relatively late in life. "It speaks to a kind of quiet feminism that she and other women of her generation had," he says

Jackie was 46 when she was hired at Viking Press, not long after the 1975 death of Aristotle Onassis. Clearly Viking wanted her for her name. And her early efforts — she spent only two years there, before moving to Doubleday — were a learning process. But her productivity skyrocketed as the years went on. "Yes, some of this was

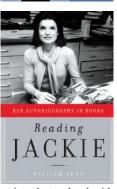
handed to Jackie," says Kuhn, whose book is being published by Doubleday itself. "But the fact is she amassed a list of books that publishing professionals are in awe of today."

That list includes books on everything from art to European and American history to photography to fashion to religion. It includes children's books by Carly Simon, and Michael Jackson's autobiography Moonwalk. She worked on a trilogy by the Egyptian writer Naguib Mahfouz, several books by Bill Moyers, and a series of Tiffany style books.

And then there was her well-documented love of dance, particularly ballet, which led to the bestseller Dancing on My Grave, by ballerina Gelsey Kirkland and her husband, author Greg Lawrence. Working with her on the book, an account of Kirkland's descent into drug addiction, was "a humbling experience," says Lawrence, who next month comes out with Jackie as Editor: The Literary Life of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

Lawrence recalls how at





an introductory lunch with the couple, Jackie burst into tears at their story, saying, "I want to do this book!"

"Jackie fought for us," says Lawrence. "That's what I really admired about her. She had to fight for her books."

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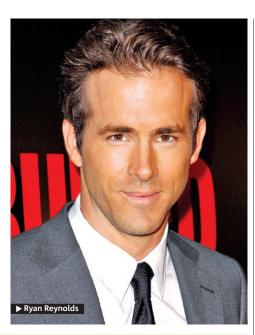


# No drama for Ryan, Scarlett

# Hollywood couple recently went public with their decision to split

They may have announced their separation last week, but Ryan Reynolds and Scarlett Johansson looked mighty amicable during dinner at a New York restaurant this weekend. according to People. "They just wanted to connect and

have a friendly chat," a source says. "The tone was light and fun, despite the untruths that the media is working up. They aren't reconciling. This was just two people who were married being civil and friend-



# ▶ Brad Pitt and

# Jolie-Pitt clan spending Christmas on the road

Despite spending most of the autumn on the road, Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt won't be coming home for the holidays.

"We're going to travel with the kids and go to a random part of the world,"

Iolie tells Ryan Seacrest during a radio interview.

"We're going to travel and have an adventure because that's what we love to do.'

The biggest challenge for Jolie, whether at home or abroad, is keeping gifts straight for all six of her

"I've got it all boxed and ready to go," she says. "I'm trying to get every stock-ing right."

# **Johnny** stealing hearts on the set of **Pirates**

Although Johnny Depp has been with Vanessa Paradis for 12 years and has two children with her — that didn't stop him from reportedly getting friendly and flirtatious with a model on the set of the new Pirates of the Caribbean film, according to Star magazine.

Kristen Stephenson-Pino tells the magazine Depp took special interest in her, watching the makeup department make a mold of her breasts, joking about being intimate together and even inviting her back to his trailer.

"It was one-on-one," she says of her time in his trailer.

"I was in there for a few hours, and that's, like, everyone's ideal lover boy. He's just the whole







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# **News in brief**

# Stiles denies affair rumors

TV. Julia Stiles doesn't appreciate rumors suggesting she's been having an affair with Dexter co-star Michael C. Hall, resulting in his split from Jennifer Carpen-ter. "I have absolutely nothing to do with the split between Michael and Jennifer," she tells E! News METRO

# **Miller, Law picking** up where they left off

The second time around seems to be agreeing with Iude Law and Sienna Miller, as the British actors have reportedly been living together for the past month, according to the Daily Mail.

The pair reportedly went in together on the purchase of a super-private \$12 million, seven-bedroom home in north Lon-

Sources say the pair. who were engaged previ-ously before Law had an affair with his nanny, are discussing marriage once again. The couple dis-solved in 2006, but restarted their relationship in

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# Is more trouble brewing for Lovato?

Demi Lovato has been dealing with the fallout of some racy photos of her leaking online late last week, but sources tell X17 that the 18-year-old Disney star may have a lot more to worry about.

The source claims that Lovato's behaviour on her summer tour got so out of hand that a homemade sex

tape could be popping up online soon.

The source says Demi was "no stranger to filming her sexual exploits' while out on the road. "No one really cared about what she did or how she acted. It was truly sad to watch." Lovato is still in a treatment centre.





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Family in brief



A survey by the University of Southern California found that two-thirds of parents say they restrict their kids' access to TV as punishment, a number that hasn't budged in 10 years. But the percentage of parents who limit Internet access as punishment has nearly doubled.

Among parents surveyed, 57 per cent said they withheld web access to punish their kids, up from 32 per cent in 2000.



Cash-strapped parents skip stores to swap Barbies and Lego online this Christmas.



# Is the tradition to RSVP now passé?

• The once common courtesy of replying to an invite is becoming a lamented thing of the past

It's become an acronym for a host's frustration: RSVP — Really, Seriously Very Peeved.

From casual get-togethers to catered affairs, the once-common act of replying to invitations has become an often lost and much lamented cause.

"It frustrates me to no end that people disregard or dismiss RSVPs as optional, especially when I have been nice enough to invite them to a party," says Dawn Pearce, 35, a technical support specialist in Raleigh, N.C. "I get so aggravated I don't know why I even bother with invitations at all"

A social code that has endured for generations, RSVP is short for "repondez s'il vous plait" or, "please reply."

Invites should answer as soon as possible, according to etiquette expert Lizzie Post, a great-granddaughter of gracious-

"It's not like I'm asking you to write a letter ... All you have to do is hit reply."

RICHARD FIORE, A RETIRED MUSIC EXECUTIVE, ON REPLYING TO RSVPS

ness guru Emily Post.

Replies, however, can even be hard to get when the event is for business.

In Phoenix, Kim Horn deals with lacking and late RSVPs for meetings of her professional group, though its members should know better – they're wedding planners.

For those who can't stomach angling for RSVPs, some companies will take on the task for fees that can run into hundreds of dollars.

How did we get to this point of no RSVP return?

Some point to technology as a factor. In an era of constant, instant status updates, one person's RSVP

may be another's "C U in 5."
"Technology is changing our culture, the way we communicate ... which than means it changes the way we connect," said Gerald Goodman, a psychologist and communication expert, and professor at the University of California, Los Angeles. The fading of RSVP could, he suggests, signify "a new etiquette of free

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# The NYE baby sitter race is on...

# ▶ If you are seeking child care for the 2011 countdown, be prepared to pay big because rates can double

Parents, give yourselves the gift of an early resolution: Snag a sitter pronto for New Year's Eve and expect to open wallets wide.

The hunt for child care on the year's most lucrative night began in June for some parents, though the more usual approach is to wait until the last minute, panic and shell out top dollar.

"Most people will book the week before New Year's Eve. We're still a society of procrastinators, for sure," said Melissa Marchwick, a spokeswoman in Chicago for the caregiver match service sittercity.com.

Hourly rates for the big night can more than double, she said. Some sitters are looking for extra incentives like fatter tips, festive food and safe, cost-free passage home amid the craziness. "The parents who start looking earlier have more of their pick and there's less competition," Marchwick said. "They can get sitters at normal rate."

Marchwick's site, which charges membership fees but offers a free, seven-day trial, has about a million caregivers available nationwide. The site helps parents check references, conduct interviews and use free access to background checks.

The race for New Year's Eve kid care is fierce because many sitters like to celebrate, too. College kids are on break from classes and fewer high schoolers babysit at all, consumed by lives of academics, sports and extracurriculars.

"We're seeing an older sitter," Marchwick said. "The average now is 27 years old, much more experienced."



Want a sitter but can't afford double time? Pay for two or three hours and add a flat \$100 to spend the night. If that's too much, share a sitter with friends and try to negotiate, but don't forget the tip.

"I kind of think New Year's is overrated," said Samantha Haviser, a 24year-old volunteer co-ordinator for a non-profit in Washington, D.C. She plans to babysit.

"I'm getting hassled by friends right now for being lame and not wanting to go out but, hey, I work for a non-profit. I can use the cash," she said.

Haviser is asking for \$25 to \$30 an hour.

Mom Laura Ceriello, 41, in New York City, said making merry en masse like the Times Square scene means the night belongs mostly to amateurs. She and her husband had two party invitations, one that included kids and one for adults only. They chose to bring their five-year-old daughter along.

"Maybe I'm just too old," she said.

Tracy Ferry in suburban D.C. usually spends \$12 to \$15 an hour for a sitter.

She and her husband are throwing a party for

New Year's Eve and she found care for the children of friends when she booked her own help at an hourly rate of \$30.

"I just wanted them to be able to come to the party," Ferry said. "We know how difficult it is to solidify child care on New Year's Eve. It's more expensive than I was anticipating, but it's worth it"

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This dressed-up version flavoured with peppermint extract and topped with festive snowflake cookies, but you could just as easily flavour it with orange, almond or vanilla extracts and top it with whatever cookie shapes inspire you. Holly leaves would be pretty and elegant, and snowmen would be fun.

## **Preparation:**

- Heat oven to 190 C (375
- In a food processor, combine flour, salt, cocoa powder and sugar. Pulse to combine, Add butter and process until

# Ingredients:

### Crust:

- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) all-purpose flour
- Pinch salt
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) cocoa pow-
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) sugar • 175 ml (3/4 cup) unsalted butter (1 1/2 sticks), cut into

### Ganache:

- 300 ml (1 1/4 cups) heavy
- 250 g (8 oz) semisweet chocolate
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp)
- peppermint extract • Powdered sugar, for dust-

mixture forms a dough, about 30 seconds.

Remove dough from processor and break off about a third of it. Set this aside.

Press remaining dough into bottom and up sides of a 23-cm (9-inch) tart pan with removable bottom. Use a fork to prick bottom of crust all over. Freeze for 15 minutes, then bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until centre of bottom feels firm.

- Meanwhile, make snowflake cookies. Roll out reserved dough between 2 sheets of parchment paper to 3 mm (1/8 inch) thick. Move dough to a baking sheet, including parchment paper, then refrigerate until firm, about 15 minutes.
- Use 2.5- to 5-cm (1- to 2inch) cookie cutters to cut out 8 to 10 snowflakes (of multiple sizes, if desired). If dough becomes too soft, you may need to chill it in the refrigerator as you work. Once all of

the cookies are cut, parchment paper-lined baking sheet and refrigerate for 10 minutes.

- Bake snowflakes for 10 to 15 minutes (depending on size of the cookies) or until firm. Let cookies cool on baking
- Ganache Filling: In a small saucepan over medium, heat cream until simmering. Add chocolate and let sit off heat for 2 minutes. Stir until smooth. Stir in peppermint extract, then pour into baked tart shell. Refrigerate until firm, about 2
- When ready to serve, dust snowflake cookies with powdered sugar, then arrange them on the top of the tart. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Exploring sandwiches on panini at a time

Dominique and Cindy Duby love sandwiches, which came in handy when their cookbook publisher suggested they do a book on paninis. They were ecstatic.

Better known for their gourmet sweet dessert books, the Vancouver artisan chocolatiers embraced this new challenge with

The origins of panini are in Italy. They are typically meat and cheese sandwiches that are served hot after being pressed in a grill. The word panino is Italian for small bread roll and panino imbottito (stuffed panino) refers to the sandwich.

The Dubys not only created 40 original savoury and sweet recipes, but also photographed each finished panini and then ate them, says Dominique.

We were eating paninis for breakfast, lunch and dinner," says Cindy with a giggle.

Dominique says it was important for them to try many different breads "because it is one of the most important components."
"If the bread isn't very

good, the sandwich itself won't be any good," he says.
The pair found ciabatta

bread is one of the best because it has a crisp crust and a soft, porous texture, and it is light to the touch.

All the testing and tasting has become the newly released Panini: Gourmet Recipes to Help You Get the Most from Your Panini Press (Whitecap, paperback, \$19.95).

The soft texture and slight sweetness of the brioche combine perfectly with the tangy goat cheese and fragrant minted leek in this panini recipe from the book.

Chevre and Leek Panini

# Preparation:

- Preheat press to medium heat 190 C (375 F).
- In a saucepan, melt 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter on high heat; add leek and quickly saute until wilted, about 1 minute. Re-

move from heat, add mint, if using, and stir until well mixed. Season with salt and pepper.

- To build each panino, arrange or spread ingredients in the following order: brioche, one-quarter of the goat cheese, leek, one-quarter of the goat cheese, brioche.
- Spread butter on outside of panini (top and bottom) and grill for 5 to 8 minutes or until cheese is melted and

Canon

bread nicely grilled. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Ingredients:

- 4 slices brioche bread or 2 brioche buns, halved
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter, plus extra for spreading
- 1/2 medium leek. (white and light green parts only), thinly sliced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) finely chopped mint (optional)
- Salt and pepper, to taste • 90 q (3 oz) soft goat



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# Creative environmentalism

# • Reduce, reuse and recycle children's artwork into collages, notecards or other holiday gifts

Turning children's artwork into Christmas gifts can be a creative way to clear clutter. So take those drawings and paintings off the fridge and tuck them under the tree.

Wrapping gifts with your child's creations is the easiest way to recycle them, but the artwork can also be the gift. Admittedly, such presents may appeal mainly to doting grandparents, but at least Grandma and Grandpa will be taken care of in style. All of these projects start with scanning or taking digital photographs of children's artwork, which allows the images to be manipulated without harming the original. It also means you can make multiple gifts with the same art.

### MAGNETS

Use photo editing software to crop the scanned image or photo into a square or rectangle, and reduce the size to a few centimetres across. Print the image on photo paper or card stock, cut it out and then cut a piece of foam core board the same size. Glue the image to the foam core backing and glue a magnet on the back. Voila! A magnet to hold up the next batch of artwork that will begin arriving home when school re-sumes after the holiday break.

# FRAMED COLLAGE

The same technique used for the magnets can be repeated to create a striking framed display of dozens of drawings and paintings — a miniature retrospective of sorts. Again, reduce the size of scanned images or photos and print as many

# **Decorations**

Here's another idea on how to make the most with what you have.

Ornaments Melissa Crowe, a fabric artist from Portland, Maine, who usually works with wool felt, has made embroidered Christmas tree ornaments using a child's drawing. Here's how: Trace the image onto linen, using a simple back stitch, and then use the linen as the front of a small, pillow-like ornament by cutting a square around the design. Pin the linen to a square of backing fabric, tucking in a ribbon loop for hanging along one edge, and sew around the square, leaving an opening for turning. Turn the ornament right side out and stuff, sewing the opening closed by hand

as you like on photo paper or card stock. Back each cutout image with foam core, and glue them to a large piece of white poster board cut to fit your frame. Twenty images, shrunk down to roughly 7.5 centimetres, will fit nicely in a 40-by-50-centimetre frame. Play around with the arrangement before gluing to ensure roughly equal spacing between the im-

The foam core backing gives the images extra di-mension, but a similar ef-fect could be achieved by uploading images to photo printing websites that create collages in a variety of

Have a toddler who's

still in a "modern art" phase? Abstract finger paintings can be turned into notecards suitable for anyone who appreciates bold colour. Isolate interesting sections of a larger painting, crop to 14-by-11 centimetres and glue to the front of a card made out of a standard 21-by-28centimetre piece of card stock cut in half, or print the image directly on the card stock. This idea also works well if you have a large detailed picture coloured by an older child that can be broken up into interesting sections.

## CALENDARS

Even simple line drawings can be turned into vibrant gifts with a little tweaking. Starting with a scan or photo of the drawing, use photo editing software to increase the contrast and create a pure black-and-white image. Fill the background with a bright colour and change the black lines to white to make it pop against the background. I used a series of images drawn by my son to make a calendar by adding the images to 13by-18-centimetre calendar templates purchased on a digital scrapbooking web-site and printing them as photos, but free templates also are available. Inexpensive acrylic box frames can be used to display the calendar and store the prints.

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I would love to compost, but I am not sure how to manage it in an apartment. What are the options? It seems that the city of Montreal is not really as compost-friendly as other Canadian cities.

Erika of Montreal

have one word for you: worms. Just because vou don't have yard space doesn't mean you can't join the grow-

ing number of Canadians who are composting. Statistics Canada's research from 2006, albeit dated, showed 27 per cent of households nationwide composted. And, Quebec

households have steadily been increasing their rates of composting, too.

You need to try vermicomposting! It's ideal for small spaces and can be done indoors, which makes it perfect for apartment dwellers. It means you discard organic matter generated in your kitchen - like banana peels — by feeding it to worms. But not just any worms; you're going to need some red wrigglers. The result is a

very fertile mixture of decomposed food scraps and worm poop.

Vermiculture is a great way to reduce the organic matter otherwise destined for the landfill. The process takes three to six months and depending on how much you feed your worms, you'll need to harvest the vermicompost two to four times a year. It's excellent fertilizer for gardens, laws, or potted plants on balconies and

even indoor plants. Fans of worm farms claim they're much easier to care for than a dog or a cat and they don't smell. There are many great online resources to help you source and set up your very own worm bin.

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"I was so scared when we arrived in Canada that I told my husband we needed to go back to India."

wo years later life is a lot better for Hyma and her young family thanks to the caring people at Yonge Street Mission in Toronto.

They arrived in Canada with the promise of a job in the computer industry for her husband and that's all. It was a lonely and frustrating time for Hyma.

Her daughter cried all day long missing her grandparents, aunts and cousins. With no money to afford day care, Hyma couldn't work. She pushed her stroller through the streets of the city with her distraught daughter unsure of where to turn for help.

Then one day she walked into the Yonge Street Mission and her life made a turn for the better.

She signed up for a computer class and reluctantly left her daughter at the Mission daycare. As Hyma learned about emails, word documents and PowerPoint presentations her daughter started to play with the other children. She began to smile, sing and dance. "I'm OK, I'm a big girl now!" she proudly told her Mom one day after class

Although her husband is working, money is tight. By choice, they live frugally and send every extra cent to their family-run orphanage in India that looks after children with AIDS

They have never celebrated Christmas in Canada

da.

"Last year we were going to go to a restaurant but we sent money to India instead and fed one hundred people at the orphanage."

Not too long ago the children in the orphanage sent a message to their generous "angels" in Canada.

They told Hyma and her husband that they were praying for them. And those prayers have been answered.

The people at the Yonge Street Mission are looking after Hyma and her family with computer classes, support services and friendship.

She recently went to the Yonge Street Mission's Christmas Market that distributes donated gifts to families in need.

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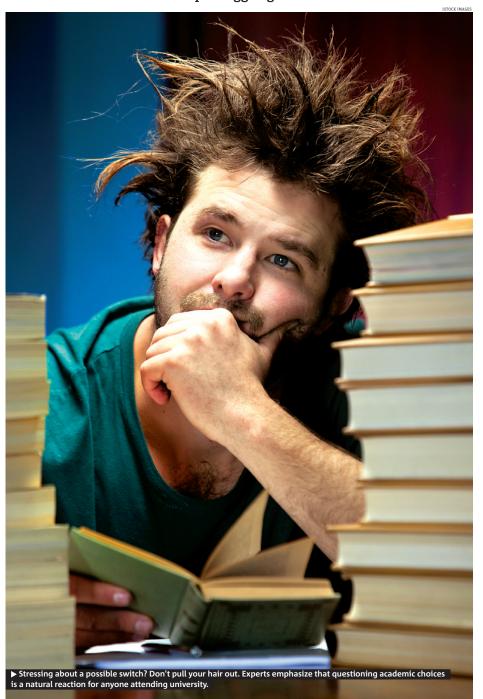
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# Think you made a major mistake?

• Academic advisers can help struggling students make the best of an experience they may be unsure of



Exactly a year ago Ramin Asgari was struggling.

A heavy course load, looming exams and a tough transition from high school were overwhelming the civil engineering student as he approached the end of his first semester at the University of British Columbia.

Unable to see himself passing, he considered giving up — until a peer academic support group turned things around.

"They helped a lot," says the 19-year-old. "They assured me that 'Yeah, first year is like that, but it gets a lot better,' and it really does – I've gotten way better grades this year than last

The group review sessions Asgari attended also helped dispel the isolation that had fed his academic despair.

"I'm not feeling like I'm the only person on campus," says Asgari, who still goes to tutorials and peer review sessions in his second year.

"I'd say it was more emotional help than actual study help."

The free drop-in sessions are similar to others run at universities across the country.

try.

The peer-run programs in particular provide a starting point for students struggling with the academic demands of university.

Vladimir Nikitin says students often come just to connect with someone else who understands.

"They find out there's a lot of them who have the same problems," says the political science student who runs a peer study session twice a week at Carleton University in Ottawa.

"It's a safe environment where everyone can share and discuss issues that are not necessarily course-related."

The informal nature of the sessions and the fact that they are run by another student also help defuse any intimidation felt by someone who may have never reached out for help before, says Nikitin.

"I can relate to those issues," says the 23-year-old who questioned his degree choice at one point as well. "It's pretty common to not know what you want to do in life when you're 18 or 19."

Building confidence, learning better time management and picking up tips on how to study better are all part of the peer sessions typically held for courses with a large number of Ds and Fs.

But while Nikitin advises most students to stick with their courses at least until after their first exams, not all problems can be solved by peers like himself. In some cases, professional counsellors are better to talk to.

Shari Woods-Baum is one of them. The counsellor at Ryerson University in Toronto says students can feel overwhelmed by university for a number of reasons, making it important to pinpoint what irks them the most.

"It's really a holistic process," says Woods-Baum of the evaluation students need to go through when examining their decision to change majors or even to leave university.

For most students, though, just having a non-judgmental environment in which they can voice their concerns proves to be a tremendous help.

"Sometimes it's just easi-

"Sometimes it's just easier to go in and talk to an impartial body," says Woods-Baum.

"We're giving them the opportunity to express what they're thinking, feeling, helping them look at their decision-making."

Academic advisers point out that shifting majors is always an option..

"Part of university is the process of growth," explains Kathleen Semanyk, who manages the Student Academic Success Centre at Carleton.

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# An Anna Wintour in the making?

- Four-year-old Daniela Smith likes Cinderella, soccer and Italian fashion label Prada yes, Prada
- The schoolgirl takes over our fashion editor's job to pick and review the spring/summer '11 collections



Bright yellow jumpsuits, crazy orange wigs, tops with images of cheeky monkeys, and some over-sized flowers... You'd be forgiven for thinking that some of the dominant looks from spring/summer '11 could have sprung out of a kids' cartoon. It's no wonder that our resident four-year-old critic had such strong opinions about them all





### Marc Jacobs

'I like the flower in her hair-it's very nice. And her belt. I would wear this outfit to school. I think my teacher Mrs. Turner would think this outfit is very pretty. My classmates would too.



### Prada

"It looks like she has dressed up for a movie. She looks like she could be one of the wicked sisters in Cinderella, I don't like her hair. I think her shirt would look better with elephants and horsies instead of monkeys. But I like stripes on her skirt. I would wear this outside to play. But I would wear the whole outfit to the theatre.

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### Max Mara

Yellow looks very nice on her. I'd wear this inside the house and watch my favourite movie like The Lion King. It would also look nice to play soccer in. I'm a fan of [English soccer team] Arsenal and I'd wear this to one of their games. And her shiny heeled shoes are really fun. I can't wait until I start wearing heels!"



# Junya Watanabe

"I'd wear this to school and my classmates would probably say, 'This looks really silly.' And then I probably wouldn't wear it to school again. This lady looks like she's going to the opera, where she's going to talk to everybody. She looks talkative even though her mouth is covered. I like how the face mask shows her hair more. I like coloured hair."



# Ralph Lauren

"This is a good outfit to wear to feed the horsies. I think she has ponies and horsies and rabbits. Her trousers look nice. And her jacket does too. I think she carries a lot of things inside her bag like a telephone, hand cream, pen, paper and a pistol. She has a pistol and a magic wand because she's got special powers."



# **Being your own boss costs**

# **BOOK REVIEW**

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According to author and columnist Scott Gerber. there are plenty reasons why

you should burn your resumé and start up your

Gerber, who has been described as the Simon Cowell of young entrepreneurship, paints a pretty graphic portrait of the real life start up in his book Never Get a Real Job, and be forewarned. It may have you rethinking your being your own boss fantasy.

In the first part of Gerber's book the chapters take the tough-love approach.

We "were so busy riding the 'everyone-is-a-winner' bandwagon that you failed to realize you were being rewarded for mediocrity," says Gerber.

This book is written for

Generation Y, and the reality is, many new grads, university- and college-educated to boot, aren't finding work.

I am certainly biased to-wards Gerber's opinion fire your boss and take charge of your own fate and income, or if you're just graduating, rather than go back to school a business. As he highlights in his book, it is far easier to start a business when you are young. CRAIG LUND IS THE PRESIDENT ELECT OF THE AMERICAN MARKET-

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Kodak's 14.5-megapixel C195 is the only one that

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you're shooting from the

sidelines of a Little League

game or snapping candids

from across the room at a

party, that versatile lens

Meanwhile, the camera's "Smart Capture" fea-

ture, which was borrowed

from Eastman Kodak Co's

higher-end cameras, auto-

shooting conditions and

sets the camera to one of

21 scene modes. My test

photos, which included

close-ups with blurry back-

grounds, looked decent, although I recommend

turning the flash off in-

The camera has a large

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# Best value at every price



Digital cameras have been popular gifts for a decade. but enthusiasm is waning, as most households already have one. The good news is that if you do know someone who could use a fresher model, it's hard to go wrong. Today's big-name cameras are almost uniformly good buys. Whether you're looking for a simple, compact point-and-shoot or a highend digital SLR that acinterchangeable lenses, here's a selection we think stands out from the crowd

# Best Budget Kodak EasyShare C195 (\$100)

Pros: It used to be nearly impossible to find a qualidigital camera for just \$100. Now, Casio, Canon and Kodak sell them, with Nikon offering one that costs closer to \$110. Of



cheap. People can also select photos and movies on the camera so that they'll upload to sites such as Facebook, Flickr and YouTube when they plug the camera into a comput-

# Best Mid-Range Point-and-Shoot: Sony CyberShot WX5 (\$270)

Pros: Camera manufacturers crank out scads of models in the \$100 to \$300 range, so the selection of prettily designed cameras that shoot high-definition video is overwhelming. Still, the WX5 from Sony Corp. takes strong photos and also crams

tive features. It can shoot sweep ing 295degree panora-

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shots. boon if you find yourself in a scenic place. Bonus: the panorama feature is much easier to use than on competing cameras. The camera also enhances photos by playing up the bright parts while keeping the shadow areas rich, but not too dark. The camera also makes it easy to blur the background in a photo, a technique that will make even a beginner's pictures look more artistic.

It also shoots crisp video at full HD resolution (1920 x 1080). A dedicated movie button makes it easy to start recording quickly.

Design-wise, the WX5 is small and light, even for a point-and-shoot, with easy-

# **Best Point-and-**Shoot, Period: Canon PowerShot S95

(\$400)

Pros: About as compact as a deck of cards, the \$95 looks like any other pointand-shoot, but its photos are lovely enough that even people used to carrying bulkier, more advanced digital SLRs will be impressed. Although it's the same size as other cameras, the body feels particularly solid, wellmade.

from This camera Canon has an unisnally large

sor for a small camera, which means clearer, sharper pictures, especially in low light. It takes generally beautiful shots and does a better job of blurring the background than point-and-shoots. The camera also shoots HD video (1280 x 720) and has an HDMI port, enabling people to connect the camera directly to a high-definition television. Serious photographers looking for a lighter camera will enjoy the various manual con-

Best Digital SLR for Beginners: Nikon D3100



(\$700)

Pros: Nikon Corp's digital SLRs consistently take beautiful photos, and the company has made them easier to use, thanks to simplified menus designed to guide newbies. The 14megapixel D3100, in particular, records full HD movies, something other DSLRs in this price category don't do. Just as impor-D3100's tant. the autofocus function works in video mode, something that's true of few other DSLRs, even Nikon's more expensive models.

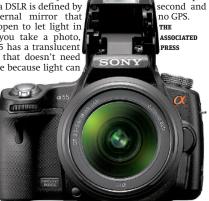
# Best Splurge for Serious **Photographers:** Sony Alpha A55 (\$850)

Pros: Although the 16.2-megapixel A55 looks like a DSLR, it's technically not: While a DSLR is defined by its internal mirror that snaps open to let light in when you take a photo, the A55 has a translucent mirror that doesn't need to move because light can

it. That means the A55 focuses continuously whereas a DSLR loses focus in the instant its internal mirror flips open.

The A55 shoots an impressive 10 photos per sectakes gorgeous photos and records full HD movies, focusing continuously in both cases. The large viewfinder makes it easy to frame shots. A built-in GPS receiver tags photos with the shooting location. Like the WX5, it snaps panoramic photos and enhances highlights and lowlights. A less expensive version of this camera, the A33 (\$750), is available with resolution, megapixel burst shooting at up to seven, not 10.

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Green gifts help the environment and your wallet, to

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# Sens' solid start spoiled in a flash



Capitals turn tide to erase two-goal deficit in game-clinching 2nd period







SENATORS

Mathieu Perreault scored two goals and the Washington Capitals ended an eightgame losing streak with a 3-2 win over the Ottawa Senators last night.

Eric Fehr also scored for the Capitals (19-12-4). Michal Neuvirth struggled early allowing two Ottawa goals in the first period, but redeemed himself later and stopped 24 shots.

Ryan Shannon and Chris Kelly scored for the Senators (14-17-4). Brian Elliott made 31 saves.

The Senators opened the scoring at the seven-minute mark as Shannon made the most of traffic in front of Neuvirth, who barely had a chance to see the rightwing's shot.

Ottawa made it 2-0 on Kelly's eighth of the season. Kelly finished a great give-and-go with Chris Neil when he got the puck right in front of Neuvirth and easily scored.

Elliott made a huge save on Mike Knuble late in the first, swatting the puck just as it was about to cross the goal-line. Fehr then put the puck past Elliott, but time had expired and it looked to be another one of those nights for Washington.

The Capitals quickly made up for the missed chance, scoring two goals in 80 seconds at the start of the second period to tie it 2-2.

After some poor defensive coverage by the Senators, Perreault was left all alone to jump on a rebound in the crease and finally get the Capitals on the board.

Moments later, Fehr caught a break when his shot just squeezed by Elliott, who wasn't tight enough to the post.

Ottawa coach Cory Clouston called a timeout in an effort to calm his team down, but it did little as the Senators struggled through much of the peri-

Washington took the lead at 6:55 of the second with a power-play goal. After Elliott made a great stick save on a shot, Perreault got to the loose puck and Elliott wasn't able to recover fast enough.

It was nearly 4-2 after Alexander Ovechkin beat Elliott, but the goal was disallowed as Ovechkin kicked it in.

Despite a much better effort in the third, the Senators were unable to beat Neuvirth again.

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# sports

### Quoted



"We know we have to contribute. It can't be the same guys every night, which

it has been.
You've got to get
that secondary
scoring and
spread it through
our lineup. Especially with our
team; it's tough
times right now."

LEAFS FORWARD COLBY ARMSTRONG AS THE LEAFS PREPARE TO HOST ATLANTA TONIGHT

"They're off to a great start. I don't know if it's because they've got some new guys in there, changed the coaching staff up or whatever they did there."

LEAFS FORWARD CLARKE
MACARTHUR, WHO FINISHED
LAST SEASON WITH ATLANTA



# Brewers 'are for real' after Greinke pickup

The Milwaukee Brewers are going all in for 2011, acquiring former Cy Young winner Zack Greinke in a trade with Kansas City.

The Royals announced yesterday that they acquired shortstop Alcides Escobar, outfielder Lorenzo Cain, and right-handed pitching prospects Jake Odorizzi and Jeremy Jeffress from the Brewers in exchange for Greinke, shortstop Yuniesky Betan-

3.82
Zack Greinke is 60-67
with a 3.82 ERA in
six-plus seasons with
the Royals.

court and cash considera-

tions.

"Zack Greinke is one of the top young pitchers in the game today," Brewers general manager Doug

Melvin said in a statement. "We are very excited to add him to our new rotation."

Milwaukee outfielder Corey Hart said the move, along with a previous trade for starter Shaun Marcum, makes the Brewers a solid contender.

"We were getting better with Marcum, now Greinke," Hart said in a text message to The Associated Press. "Brewers are for real!" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Sports in brief



# Juniors give Ellis the C

**TEAM CANADA.** Ryan Ellis has been named captain of Canada's junior hockey team for the world championships.

The Windsor Spitfires defenceman will make his third world junior appearance, helping Canada capture gold in 2009 and silver in 2010.

# Panther fined for sideline hit

NFL. For the second time in a week, a fine has been levied for sideline contact during a punt return. Carolina defensive end Tyler Brayton was fined \$15,000 US by the NFL for hitting Atlanta's Chris Owens out of bounds in last week's game.

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# Eagles pull off late stunner

• Fourth-quarter comback puts Philadelphia in NFC East driver's seat

Just call it the great escape. Michael Vick engineered it. DeSean Jackson capped it. And the Philadelphia Eagles have firm control of the NFC East because of it.

Jackson scored on a 65yard punt return on the final play of the game and the Eagles scored 28 points in the final 7.28 to stun the New York Giants 38-31 and take over first place in the NFC East.

Emphasizing his candidacy for the MVP award,

GIANTS

Vick threw for two touchdowns and ran for another in the incredible late rally for the Eagles (10-4) and left Giants coach Tom Coughlin so angry he threw his notes as Jackson backed into the end zone.

Philadelphia has swept the season series with New York (9-5) and only needs to win one of its final two games or have New York lose one of its two.

Atlanta clinched a playoff spot with the Giants'

Iackson's winning return came as the game seemed headed for overtime. Matt Dodge lined up punt

with 14 seconds to play and the rookie got off a line drive kick that Jackson bobbled at his 35. Once he regained control, Jackson broke through the initial line of coverage and sped down the right sideline. It was apparent he was about to score, but instead of simply going into the end zone, he danced along the goal line before going in with zeros showing on the

clock. THE ASSOCIATED



# Lions find a way to end road skid



Dave Rayner's third field goal, a 34-yarder with 9:51 left in overtime, gave the Lions a 23-20 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and ended the longest road losing streak in league history at 26 games yesterday.

Rayner kicked a 28yarder as time expired in regulation to force the extra period. The Lions took the overtime kickoff and drove 63 yards — covering most of the distance on two big runs and a 12-yard reception by Calvin Johnson on third-and-8 — to set up the game-winner.

The Lions (4-10) won on the road for the first time since Oct. 28, 2007, when they won 16-7 at Chicago.

The Bucs (8-6) kicked the

second of two fourthquarter field goals to go ahead 20-17 with 1:39 remaining left in regulation.

Drew Stanton completed 23-of-37 passes for 252 yards, one touchdown for the Lions. Johnson finished with 10 receptions for 152 yards, becoming the first Detroit player with two seasons with at least 1,000 yards and 12 or more TD receptions.

Maurice Morris rushed for 109 yards, including a 26-yard burst on the first play of overtime. Jahvid Best ran for 14 on the next play for a first down at the Bucs' 39.

Three plays later, Johnson reached high to make his last catch of the day, barely keeping his feet inbound on the sideline at the 25.

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# **Chiefs QB** undaunted by surgery

Matt Cassel made a rapid recovery.

The Kansas City Chiefs did, too, riding their comeback quarterback to crucial victory over their cross-state rivals.

Cassel went the distance only 11 days after an emergency appendectomy, leading the way in a 27-13 victory yesterday over the suddenly sagging St. Louis Rams.

Jamaal Charles scored on a short run and helped clinch it with a late 80-yard burst for the Chiefs (9-5), who retained a one-game lead over the Chargers in the AFC West.

Kansas City managed only 67 yards in a 31-0 loss at San Diego last week with backup quarterback Brodie Croyle starting, and ended a seven-quarter scoreless drought on Cassel's two-yard pass to Leonard Pope in the two-yard second quarter.

Thomas Jones be-



came the NFL's 25th player to rush for 10,000 yards and scored the final touchdown on a two-yard run with 3:26 to go, one play after Ron Bartell ran down Charles just shy of the goal line. Charles had 126 yards on 11 carries and Jones had 62 yards on 22 carries, and the Chiefs totalled 213 yards rushing.

Cassel was questionable after getting limited work in practice, but led the team on the field for warmups and didn't miss a snap while going 15-for-29 for 184 yards. He was rarely hit by the Rams, who sacked him twice on the same series in the third quarter but couldn't rattle him.

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	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GΑ	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	34	22	7	2	3	117	82	49	12-5-0-2	10-2-2-1	7-1-0-2	W5
d-Washington	35	19	12	2	2	104	99	42	12-4-1-2	7-8-1-0	2-6-1-1	W1
d-Montreal	32	19	11	2	0	85	69	40	12-5-2-0	7-6-0-0	5-4-1-0	W1
Pittsburgh	33	21	10	2	0	104	78	44	10-6-1-0	11-4-1-0	8-2-0-0	L2
Atlanta	34	18	11	1	4	109	97	41	10-6-0-2	8-5-1-2	6-2-0-2	W1
NY Rangers	35	20	14	1	0	105	91	41	8-8-1-0	12-6-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Tampa Bay	32	18	10	2	2	99	108	40	9-2-1-1	9-8-1-1	6-2-0-2	W3
Boston	31	17	10	1	3	89	65	38	8-5-1-2	9-5-0-1	5-3-1-1	W1
Carolina	31	15	12	0	4	89	94	34	7-5-0-1	8-7-0-3	5-2-0-3	W4
Ottawa	35	14	17	3	1	81	106	32	8-9-1-1	5-8-2-0	3-4-2-1	L2
Buffalo	34	13	17	4	0	84	95	30	7-9-1-0	6-8-3-0	5-4-1-0	L2
Florida	30	14	16	0	0	80	78	28	7-6-0-0	7-10-0-0	4-6-0-0	W1
Toronto	32	12	16	2	2	72	96	28	8-6-2-1	4-10-0-1	4-5-1-0	L2
New Jersey	32	9	21	1	1	58	98	20	5-8-1-1	4-13-0-0	2-8-0-0	L2
NY Islanders	30	6	18	3	3	65	104	18	4-7-1-2	2-11-2-1	2-6-1-1	L1

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	VV	L	OIL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	32	20	8	3	1	105	88	44	12-4-2-1	8-4-1-0	4-4-2-0	L2
d-Dallas	33	20	10	1	2	95	90	43	11-3-1-1	9-7-0-1	6-2-1-1	W2
d-Vancouver	30	18	8	2	2	98	77	40	11-3-1-1	7-5-1-1	7-2-1-0	W3
Colorado	32	18	10	4	0	118	103	40	9-4-1-0	9-6-3-0	6-1-3-0	W5
Nashville	32	17	9	4	2	83	79	40	8-2-3-2	9-7-1-0	8-1-1-0	L1
San Jose	33	17	11	4	1	100	94	39	8-4-2-1	9-7-2-0	6-3-0-1	W2
Chicago	35	18	14	2	1	111	103	39	10-9-0-0	8-5-2-1	6-3-1-0	W2
Anaheim	36	17	15	2	2	93	106	38	11-6-0-1	6-9-2-1	5-4-0-1	L2
Los Angeles	31	18	12	1	0	90	75	37	11-2-1-0	7-10-0-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Phoenix	31	15	9	4	3	88	87	37	6-4-2-2	9-5-2-1	4-4-0-2	W1
St. Louis	31	15	11	2	3	81	88	35	10-3-0-2	5-8-2-1	3-5-1-1	L1
Columbus	32	16	13	2	1	82	90	35	8-8-0-1	8-5-2-0	3-5-1-1	L4
Minnesota	31	14	13	1	3	75	90	32	7-7-0-2	7-6-1-1	4-4-1-1	W1
Calgary	33	14	16	1	2	90	96	31	9-7-0-0	5-9-1-2	5-4-0-1	L1
Edmonton	31	12	14	1	4	84	108	29	6-8-1-1	6-6-1-2	6-3-0-1	W1

d-division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Yesterday's results Dallas 4 Detroit 3 (OT) Chicago 3 Los Angeles 2 Washington 3 Ottawa 2 Montreal at Colorado Saturday's results Vancouver 4 Toronto 1 Minnesota 3 Calgary 1 Atlanta 7 New Jersey 1 Boston 3 Washington 2

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Dallas 2 Columbus 1
Los Angeles 6 Nashville 1
Philadelphia 4 N.Y. Rangers 1 Phoenix 4 N.Y. Islanders 3 (S San Jose 4 St. Louis 1 Tampa Bay 3 Buffalo 1 Tonight's games (All times Eastern) Anaheim at Boston, 7 p.m. Atlanta at Toronto, 7 p.m. Florida at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Phoenix at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m. Vancouver at St. Louis, 8 p.m. Calgary at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

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Phoenix 4 N.Y. Islanders 3 (SO)

# **CAPITALS 3, SENATORS 2**

First Period 1. Ottawa, Shannon 4 (Winchester) 7:11 2. Ottawa, Kelly 8 (Neil) 13:55 Penalties — Steckel Wash (interference) 3:19.

Michalek Ott (slashing) 16:00. Second Period
3. Washington, Perreault 3 (Laich, Knuble)

4. Washington, Fehr 5 (Ovechkin) 1:20 5. Washington, Perreault 4 (Fehr, Poti) 6:55

(pp)

Penalties — Regin Ott (slashing) 3:15,
Michalek Ott (high-sticking) 5:33, Green Wash
(hooking) 10:47, Erskine Wash, Michalek Ott (roughing) 12:48.

Third Period

No Scoring.

Penalties — Karlsson Ott (tripping) 1:45. Per-Penalties — Karlsson Ott (tripping) 1:45, Perreault Wash (hooking) 7:98, Rutu Ott (hooking) 9:52, Carlson Wash (high-sticking) 12:35, Chimera Wash (holding) 17:15, Foligno Ott (holding) 19:43.

Shots
Washington 8 15 11 34
Ottawa 9 11 6 26
Goal — Washington: Neuvirth (W.13-6-2), Ottawa: Elliott (L,10-10-3), Power plays (goalschances) — Washington: 1-6, Ottawa: 0-5.

Att. — 16,471 (19,153) at Ottawa.

## SCORING LEADERS

	G	Α	PT
Crosby, Pgh	26	28	54
Stamkos, TB	25	21	46
St. Louis, TB	12	28	40
Perry, Ana	16	22	38
D.Sedin, Vcr	16	22	38

Ovechkin, Wash	12	25	37
Datsyuk, Det	11	26	37
H.Sedin, Vcr	6	31	37
Getzlaf, Ana	13	22	35
Duchene, Col	13	21	34
Backstrom, Wash	11	23	34
Semin, Wash	18	15	33
Byfuglien, Atl	11	22	33
Roy, Buf	10	23	33
Zetterberg, Det	10	23	33
Sharp, Chi	18	14	32
P.Stastny, Col	13	19	32
M.Richards, Pha	11	21	32
Giroux, Pha	16	15	31
Heatley, SJ	14	17	31
Kopitar, LA	14	17	31
Hejduk, Col	11	20	31
Iginla, Cal	14	16	30
Toews, Chi	14	16	30
Eriksson, Dal	13	17	30
E.Staal, Car	13	17	30
Ladd, Atl	11	19	30
Clowe, SJ	9	21	30
Neal, Dal	13	15	28
J.Williams, LA	11	17	28
Selanne, Ana	10	18	28
Havlat, Minn	7	21	28
M.Koivu, Minn	7	21	28
J.Thornton, SJ	7	21	28
Liles, Col	5	23	28
Lucic, Bos	16	11	27
Dubinsky, NYR	14	13	27
Ryan, Ana	14	13	27
J.Carter, Pha	13	14	27
P.Kane, Chi	11	16	27
Plekanec, MtI	10	17	27
Letang, Pgh	5	22	27
Visnovsky, Ana	4	23	27
Not including last night's	games		

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# NBA

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i		W	L	Pct	GB
ŧ	d-Boston	22	4	.846	_
÷	d-Miami	21	8	.724	21/2
ŧ	d-Chicago	16	9	.640	51/2
ŧ	Orlando	16	10	.615	6
÷	Atlanta	17	12	.586	61/2
ŧ	New York	16	12	.571	7
÷	Indiana	12	14	.462	10
÷	Philadelphia	11	16	.407	111/2
ŧ	Milwaukee	10	15	.400	111/2
÷	Toronto	10	18	.357	13
÷	Charlotte	9	17	.346	13
ŧ	Detroit	9	19	.321	14
ŧ	Cleveland	8	19	.296	141/2
÷	New Jersey	8	20	.286	15
i	Washington	6	19	.240	151/2
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### WESTERN CONFERENCE

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	W	L	Pct	GB							
d-San Antonio	23	3	.885	-							
Dallas	21	5	.808	2							
d-L.A. Lakers	21	7	.750	3							
d-Oklahoma City	19	9	.679	5							
d-Utah	19	9	.679	5							
Denver	16	10	.615	7							
New Orleans	16	11	.593	71/2							
Portland	14	14	.500	10							
Phoenix	13	13	.500	10							
Houston	12	15	.444	111/2							
Memphis	12	16	.429	12							
Golden State	9	17	.346	14							
L.A. Clippers	7	21	.250	17							
Minnesota	6	22	.214	18							
Sacramento	5	20	.200	171/2							
d-division leader											

Yesterday's results Boston 99 Indiana 88 New Jersey 89 Atlanta 82 L.A. Lakers 120 Toronto 110 Houston 102 Sacramento 93 Detroit 111 New Orleans 108 (OT) Phoenix 113 Oklahoma City 110 Saturday's results

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Miami 95 Washington 94
Cleveland 109 New York 102 (OT)
L.A. Clippers 100 Chicago 99
Utah 95 Milwaukee 86
San Antonio 112 Memphis 106 (OT)
Denver 115 Minnesota 113
Portland 96 Golden State 95

Portland 90 Golden State 92 Tonight's games (All times Eastern) Orlando at Atlanta, 7 p.m. Utah at Cleveland, 7 p.m. New Orleans at Indiana, 7 p.m. Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m. Dallas at Miami, 7:30 p.m. Phoenix at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m. Milwaukee at Portland, 10 p.m. Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m. Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m Tomorrow's games Oklahoma City at Charlotte, 7 p.m. Dallas at Orlando, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at Chicago, 8 p.m. New Jersey at Memphis, 8 p.m. Golden State at Sacramento, 10 p.m. Milwaukee at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

# LAKERS 120, RAPTORS 110

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LA. LAKERS (120)

Artest 2-3 2-26, Odom 5-91-211, Gasol 9-15
1-219, Fisher 2-8 2-47, Bryant 6-128-9-20,
Brymm 4-6-8 1016, Blake 2-50-06, Barnes 410-2-212, Brown 5-7 2-214, Walton 2-45-6 9.
Totals 41-79 31-39 120.
TORONTO (110)

Kleiza 11-21 0-0 26, Johnson 7-12 0-0 14,
Davis G-3-20-01, Calderon 8-14 2-2 20.

Davis 0-3 0-0 0, Calderon 8-14 2-2 20, DeRozan 6-12 11-11 23, Dorsey 2-3 2-5 6, Wright 3-3 0-0 6 Rayless 1-7 2-2 4 Rarbosa 3-12 4-5 11, Alabi 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-87 21-25 110. L.A. Lakers

110.
LA Lakers 28 29 29 34 120
Toronto 34 15 30 31 110
3-Point Goals—LA Lakers 7-19 (Brown 2-3,
Barnes 2-4, Blake 2-5, Fisher 1-4, Odom 0-1,
Bryant 0-2), Toronto 7-22 (Kleiza 4-10,
Calderon 2-5, Barbosa 1-5, Bayless 0-2).
Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—LA. Lakers 57
(Barnes 9), Foronto 39 (Kleiza 10). Assists—LA. Lakers 20 (Bryant, Gasol 4), Toronto 27
(Calderon 12-7), Total Envise—IA. Lakers 21 (Calderon 12). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 21, Toronto 28. Technicals—L.A. Lakers defensive three second. A-19,935 (19,800).

# **TRANSACTIONS**

### **BASEBALL**

## AMERICAN I FAGUE

AMERICAN LEAGUE
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with
RHP Toru Murata on a minor league contract.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Traded RHP Zack
Greinke, SS Yuniesky Betancourt and cash considerations to Milwaukee for SS Alcides Escobar, OF Lorenzo Cain, RHP Jake Odorizzi and RHP Jeremy Jeffres

# FRONTIER LEAGUE

OAKLAND COUNTY CRUISERS — Signed 1B Joash Brodin and RHP Tom Moran to contract extensions. RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed RHP Derrick

Miramontes, catcher Cooper Stewart, and RHP Rvan Zink to contract extensions WINDY CITY THUNDERROLTS - Traded LHP Jared Locke to New Jersey (Can-Am) for OF Jeff Grose.

### **HOCKEY**

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Reassigned D Bryan Rodney to Charlotte (AHL). OTTAWA SENATORS — Recalled G Mike Brodeur from Binghamton (AHL) on an emer-

# SKIING

# **CROSS COUNTRY**

Four x 10-kilometre Classic/Freestyle Relay Four x 10-kilometre Classic/Freestyle Relay 1. Switzerland (Toni Livers, Dario Cologna, Remo Fischer, Curdin Perl), one hour 42 min-utes 1.4.6 seconds; 2. Russia 1 (Evgeniy Belov, Alexander Legkov, Petr Sedov, Maxim Vylegzhanin), 1:42.454, 3. Norway I (Eldar Reenning, Martin Johnsrud Sundby, Tord Askor, Genada (Devon Kershaw, Walbury, Ont.; Ivan Canada (Devon Kershaw, Walbury, Ont.; Ivan Canada (Devon Kershaw, Sudbury, Ont.; Ivan Babikov, Canmore, Alta.; Alex Harvey, St-Ferreol-les-Neiges, Que.; and Len Valjas, Toronto), 1:45.14.2

### Four x Five-kilometre Classic/Freestyle Relay

Four x Five-kilometre Classic/Freestyle Relat J. Norway I (Vilbeke W. Skofterud, Therese Johaug, Kristin Stoermer Steira, Marit Bjoer-gen), 58:38.7; 2. Italy (Viriginia De Martin Topranin, Marianna Longa, Silvia Rupil, Arian-na Follis), 59:35.3; 3. Sweden (Sara Lindborg, Anna Haag, Maria Rydqvist, Charlotte Kalla), 100:01.9 1:00:02.8

# FREESTYLE

At San Candido, Italy Ski Cross Women

Women
Final

1. Fanny Smith, Switzerland; 2. Ashleigh
McVor, Vancouver; 3. Heidi Zacher, Germany;
4. Anna Holmlund, Sweden, Also: Marielle
Thompson, Whistler, B.C.; 11. Kelsey Serva,
Kelowna, B.C.; 12. Danielle Poleschuk, Calgary;
14. Julia Mlurray, Whister, B.C.
World Cup Ski Cross Standings
(after second of 11 events)

1. Anna Holmlund, Sweden, 150 points; 2.
Fanny Smith, Switzerland, 145; 3. Ashleigh
McVor, Vancouver, 116. 4. Heidi Zacher, Germany, 110; 5. Kelsey Serwa, Kelowna, B.C.,
104.

1. Scott Kneller, Australia; 2. Alex Fiva, Switzerland; 3. John Teller, U.S.; 4. Tomas

Switzerland; 3. John Teller, U.S.; 4. Tomas Kraus, Czech Republic. Also: 5. Chris Del Bosco, Sudbury, Ont.; 7. Nick Zoricic, Toronto; 12. Dave Duncan, Gold-en, B.C.; 19. Davey Barr, Whistler, B.C.; 27. Stanislas Rey, Whistler, B.C. World (up Sit Cross Standings (after second of 11 events) 1. Patrick Gasser, Switzerland, 120 points; 2. Scott Kneller, Australia, 112; 3. Andreas Matt, Austria, 109; 4. Jouni Pellinen, Finland, 85; 5. Nick Zoricic, Toronto, 82.

# SOCCER

# **ENGLAND**

### PREMIER LEAGUE GP W D L GF GA Pts

Feam Man United Arsenal Man City Chelsea Tottenham Sunderland Bolton Newcastle Liverpool Blackpool West Brom Blackburn Stoke Aston Villa Everton Birmingham Wigan Wolverhampton West Ham	GP	W	D	L	GF	GΑ	Pts
Man United	16	9	7	0	36	16	34
Arsenal	17	10	2	5	34	19	32
Man City	17	9	5		24	13	32
Chelsea	17	9	4	4	31	12	31
Tottenham	17	7	6	4	25	22	27
Sunderland	18	6	9	3	21	18	27
Bolton	18	6	8	4	30	25	26
Newcastle	17	6	4	7	27	26	22
Liverpool	17	6	4	7	21	22	22
Blackpool	16	6	4	6	24	29	22
West Brom	17	6	4	7	24	29	22
Blackburn	18	6	4	8	23	28	22
Stoke	17	6	3	8	21	22	21
Aston Villa	17	5	5	7	19	28	20
Everton	17	3	9	5	18	20	18
Birmingham	17	3	9	5	17	20	18
Fulham	17	2	10	5	16	20	16
Wigan	17	3	7	7	13	28	16
Wolverhampton	17	4	3	10	18	30	15
West Ham	18	2	7	9	16	31	13
Voctorday's rosu	lte						

Yesterday's results Blackpool vs. Tottenham (ppd., snow) Chelsea vs. Manchester United (ppd., snow) West Bromwich Albion vs. Wolverhampton

# **FRANCE**

## LIGUE1

Yesterday's results Marseille 1 Lvon 1 Sochaux 1 Bordeaux 1 Lens vs. Caen (ppd., snow) Lille vs. Nancy (ppd., snow)

### **GFRMANY**

### BUNDESLIGA

**Yesterday's results** Bayer Leverkusen 2 Freiburg 2 Stuttgart 3 Bayern Munich 5

# **ITALY**

# SERIE A

Yesterday's results Bari 1 Palermo 1 Catania 1 Brescia 0 Chievo Verona 1 Juventus 1 Lazio 3 Udinese 2 Napoli 1 Lecce 0 Parma 0 Bologna 0 Sampdoria vs. Genoa (ppd., snow)

# **SPAIN**

# LA LIGA

Osasuna 0 Zaragoza 0 Real Madrid 1 Sevilla 0

# SKIING

# WOMEN'S SUPER-COMBINED

At Val D'isere, France
1. Lindsey Vonn, U.S., two minutes 7.80 sec-

onds (1:18.66-49.14); 2. Elisabeth Goergl, Aus-

onds (1:18.66-49.14); Z. Elisabeth Goergl, Austria, 2:08.26 (1:19.44-48.82); 3. Nicole Hosp, Austria, 2:08.26 (1:19.86-49.53) Also:

12. Marie-Mitchele Gagnon, Lac Etchemin, Que, 2:09.96 (2:12.135-48.60)
World Cup Super Combined Standings (after one event)
1. Lindsey Vonn, U.S., 100 points; 2. Elisabeth Goergl, Austria, 80; 3. Nicole Hosp, Austria, 60; 4. Anna Fenninger, Austria, 69; 5. Maria Riesch, Germany, 45; 6. Michaela Kirchgasser, Austria, 40; 7. Daniela Merighetti, Italy, 36; 8. Tina Maze, Slovenia, 32; 9. Johanna Schnarf, Tina Maze, Slovenia, 32; 9. Johanna Schnarf, Tina Maze, Slovenia, 32; 9. Johanna Schnarf, Italy, 29; 10. Margret Altacher, Austria, 26.

# AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA
x-New England	11	2	0	.846	415	276
N.Y. Jets	10	4	0	.714	295	259
Miami	7	7	0	.500	239	261
Buffalo	4	10	0	.286	273	353
SOUTH						
	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	8	6	0	.571	381	342
Jacksonville	8	6	0	.571	319	365
Tennessee	6	8	0	.429	322	282
Houston	5	9	0	.357	333	386
NORTH						
	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	10	4	0	.714	307	220
Baltimore	10	4	0	.714	324	253
Cleveland	5	9	0	.357	252	271
Cincinnati	3	11	0	.214	281	362
WEST						
	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	9	5	0	.643	322	281
San Diego	8	6	0	.571	388	260
Oakland	7	7	0	.500	353	330
Denver	3	11	0	.214	292	415

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EAST						
	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	P
Philadelphia	10	4	0	.714	412	33
N.Y. Giants	9	5	0	.643	360	28
Washington	5	9	0	.357	268	34
Dallas	5	9	0	.357	354	39
SOUTH						
	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	P
x-Atlanta	12	2	0	.857	369	26
New Orleans	10	4	0	.714	354	27
Tampa Bay	8	6	0	.571	280	29
Carolina	2	12	0	.143	183	35
NORTH						
	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	P
Chicago	9	4	0	.692	253	22
Green Bay	8	5	0	.615	306	18
Minnesota	5	8	0	.385	230	27
Dotroit	4	10	Λ	286	308	22

Pct

# Seattle 6 8 San Francisco 5 9 Arizona 4 10 x — clinched playoff berth.

WEST

# WEEK 15

VYEER 13 Yesterday's results Atlanta 34 Seattle 18 Baltimore 30 New Orleans 24 Buffalo 17 Miami 14 Carolina 19 Arizona 12 Cincinnat 19 Cleveland 17 Pallas 23 Washington 30 Dallas 33 Washington 30 Detroit 23 Tampa Bay 20 (OT) Indianapolis 34 Jacksonville 24 Kansas City 27 St. Louis 13 N.Y. Jets 22 Pittsburgh 17 Oakland 39 Denver 23 Oakland 39 Denver 23 Philadelphia 38 N.Y. Giants 31 Tennessee 31 Houston 17 Green Bay at New England Tonight's game (All times Eastern) Chicago at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

# FOOTBALL

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# Crossword

1 Hula Hoop holders? 5 Drunkard 8 Staff leader? 12 Badge of authoritv

14 Georgetown athlete 15 Creamless liquid 16 On the rocks

17 Baby's soft food 18 Card game that dle"

20 Transit fare, at times 23 Morse symbol 24 State with cer-

tainty 25 Ad slogan since 1993 28 Young dog

29 One of the S's in SST 30 "-- the fields we go"

32 Unmanly man 34 Glenn of the Eagles

35 For fear that 36 Sports venue

37 Canada's capital 40 Literary collection 41 Armstrong's land-

ing site 42 Dairy employee

47 Therefore 48 Situation with only two options

49 See 9-Down 50 — de Janeiro 51 Say it isn't so

Today's horoscope

T Aries March 21-April 20 You

will be on the go non-stop

today. The moment you get

one task out of the way, an-

other will need to be dealt

impressed.

with. Important people will be

1 That guy's 2 Pen filler 3 Omega preceder 4 Smirk 5 Quick cut 6 Lubricate 7 Heed someone's advice 8 Arty 9 With 49-Across, monster's home? 10 Watchful one

11 Disappear gradually 13 Federal agt. 19 Gomer Pyle's ora.

20 Spigot

21 Egg 22 French military headgear

23 "— pass Go, ... 25 Cobwebby

26 Traditional tales 27 Acute 29 Twist

31 Flat-piled rug 33 Grassy plains 34 Made to look auilty

36 Egyptian cross 37 Portent 38 Ripped 39 Apparel

40 Singing voice

# Sudoku

	2		4		8		1	
6								2
		5	6		9	4		
	6		8	4	2		5	
	3						2	
	8		1	9	3		4	
		1	7		6	8		
3								5
	7		9		5		3	
			•					

# How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Today

Yesterday's answer ▶

-4°/-10°

Variable

9	6	7	5	3	4	8	1	2
1	5	3	8	6	2	9	7	4
2	8	4	7	1	9	6	3	5
3	7	2	4	5	6	1	8	9
6	9	5	1	8	7	4	2	3
4	1	8	9	2	3	7	5	6
7	3	6	2	4	1	5	9	8
8	4	1	3	9	5	2	6	7
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may be confused as to what's happening in the world but there is no point worrying. Nothing bad is going to happen, so promise yourself that

vou will stav calm at all times.

¥ Taurus April 21-May 21 Be Ω Leo July 23-Aug.23 It does careful what you agree to over not matter how hard you work today – others will find fault the next two or three days because the approaching lunar with everything you do. In eclipse will blur the line bewhich case, why do anything? tween fact and fantasy. This is They need you more than you not a good time to be reckless need them. with money or reputation.

My Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Why II Gemini May 22-June 21 do some people focus on negative things while ignoring all Even if you are the most eventempered Gemini, something the good that goes on in the or someone will wind you up a world? Whatever the reason. bit today. Whatever it is, you you will have to deal with one such individual today. Don't let must find ways to defuse the situation him or her depress you.

G Cancer June 22-July 22 You ← Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you are not entirely happy with your current situation there is still time to change it, but you have got to be quick.

44 Exist

46 Thirsty

45 Charged bit

► Yesterday's answer

M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You need to take extra care today, and tomorrow, as the lunar eclipse in Gemini warns that you could lose out financially if you don't keep track of your money.

## → Sagittarius

Nov. 23-Dec. 21 The approaching eclipse seems to be playing havoc with other people's emotions, so be ready for some over-the-top scenes. You, of course, will stay calm and have a good laugh at their expense. Life is endlessly amusり Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Forget about the things that

went wrong over the previous 12 months. What you achieve over the next 12 months will more than make up for it.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 lt may be tempting to deal with problems by pretending they don't exist, but you know that isn't the answer. Tomorrow's eclipse will bring a personal issue to a head. This time, you must, and will, deal with it.

# H Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Today's cosmic movements will make it difficult for you to make up your mind, but that could be a good thing. A lot is going to change over the next few davs.

SALLY BROMPTON



-5°/-6°

Partly cloudy

Tuesday

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